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POSTAL BANK IS FAVORED

Postmaster-General Makes
Annual Report.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDS

Money Deposited in the Postal
Savings Banks Would
be Safe.

FROM FRENZIED FINANCIERS

System Could be Inaugurated Without
Additional Expense to the Government
and Would Tend to Promote Better
Citizenship Among Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The report of Postmaster-General George von L Meyer was today submitted to the President, and is as follows in part: "In order to draw attention to the enormous expansion and increase in the business of the postoffice department, I desire to refer to the year 1857, when the receipts of the postal service were \$8,063,952, the expenditures \$11,508,058, and the deficit \$3,454,106. Since then the receipts have nearly doubled every 10 years and the expenditures have increased correspondingly.

"In the year 1897 the receipts had risen to \$82,065,402, the expenditures to \$94,077,242, and the deficit to \$12,411,779. Ten years later, June 30, 1907, the receipts for the fiscal year had doubled, being \$183,585,005, with expenditures of \$190,238,288. The deficit, however, had dropped to \$6,653,282. Consequently, if one may judge by the figures of the last 50 years, every indication points to the probability of the postal receipts passing the \$350,000,000 mark in 1917.

"The particular and striking needs in the immense business institution of the government are up-to-date business methods, a revised system of bookkeeping, permitting the taking of a trial balance, and a permanent official, corresponding to the superintendent of a mill or the agent of a great consolidated manufacturing corporation, who would hold office continuously through various administrations. It is of little consequence whether he be known as deputy postmaster-general or director of posts, but a salary of not less than \$10,000 should be provided to command a businessman of wide experience, who would become familiar with the various bureau of the postoffice department and act as an expert adviser to the head of the department. This would insure a continuity of the policy of the department which is necessary in bringing about the best results to the service. The methods at the present time are lacking in economy and directness. The organization and system which worked satisfactorily many years ago are now out of date and inadequate to the present increased requirements.

"It is difficult to conduct the postoffice department on the up-to-date methods of a great corporation, because of statutory limitations—wise, very likely, when enacted, but which now would have been removed before desired reforms could be put into operation.

"I earnestly recommend the establishment of postal savings banks:

"First—In order to encourage among our people economy and thrift.

"Second—In order to afford a place of deposit free from any possibility of doubt or suspicion for vast sums of money which might otherwise be hoarded and kept out of circulation through ignorance or lack of confidence.

"Wherever it may be, this money has lost its proper functions and the business of a nation not only receives no benefit from it, but even the prosperity of the country suffers and may be event-

ually destroyed. Money deposited in postal savings banks would be absolutely safe, as the government would be back of it.

"More than seven millions of immigrants landed in this country during the past 10 years, and it has been demonstrated that in the aggregate immense sums of money have been hoarded or sent away by these people. In many instances it has been found that, for want of postal savings banks, money orders are being bought, payable to the purchaser, good for one year.

"During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, the postoffice department sent to European countries alone in the form of money orders \$72,111,748.94. Of this sum, \$18,096,519.01 went to Italy (representing 450,795 money orders, averaging \$41.29 each); \$16,363,991.00 to Austria-Hungary; \$11,582,028.54 to Great Britain, and \$7,250,853.60 to Russia. This money, while it was accumulating, would naturally have been placed for safety in the postal savings banks. In fact, it has been brought to my attention that money of the immigrants, on account of its possessors being ignorant of our language and suspicious of our private institutions, is being sent home in order that it may be placed in the postal savings banks of their native countries. It is believed that this would not be the case, in many instances, if we had postal savings banks in the United States.

"The total amount of deposits in the savings banks of this country is \$3,090,078,945. Of this amount, \$1,304,296,034 is in the State of New York; \$1,229,701,214 is in the New England States, \$894,081,142 being deposited in the State of Massachusetts; \$150,174,012 is in the State of Pennsylvania; \$104,068,858 is in the State of Illinois; \$135,370,456 is in the State of Iowa, and \$576,868,301 in the rest of the United States.

"From these figures it will be seen that 38 per cent is in New York State; 33 per cent is in the New England States, about 19 per cent being in Massachusetts; 4 per cent in Pennsylvania; 5 per cent in Illinois; nearly 4 per cent in Iowa, and only about 16 per cent in all the remaining states.

"It has been computed that in the

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PROCLAIM HOLY WAR

Fanatics Stirring up Frontier
Tribes Against French.

BATTLE RESULTS IN DISASTER

Four Thousand Tribesmen Hurl Them-
selves Against French Force of Four
Hundred and Retire in Rout—Corpses
Strewn on Field.

LA MAGNIA, Algeria, Nov. 30.—Marabout Bouthicha has proclaimed a holy war and his emissaries are busy stirring up the frontier tribes, telling them the French are helpless as all soldiers have gone to Casa Blanca. In a fresh attack near Adjeroud 4000 tribesmen hurled themselves against the French force of 400 but were mowed down by the well-posted guns of the French and finally retired leaving the ground strewn with corpses. The French loss was two killed and six wounded.

DIVERTED FUNDS.

Private Enterprises of Walsh Took Much
Money.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Evidence that \$2,250,959 was deposited to the credit of J. R. Walsh's private enterprises was brought out in the trial of the former president of the Chicago National Bank today. Attorneys for the government contended the amounts were wrongfully diverted from the funds of the institution.

B. B. McKay, former private bookkeeper for Walsh was on the stand when the facts were adduced, but the testimony was brought before the jury only after the objections of the defense had become so strenuous the court silenced the attorneys for the defendant and questioned the witness himself. The major portion of this money, McKay testified, went to the Chicago Chronicle.

CANNON WILL BE SPEAKER

Nominated in Caucus for
Third Term.

COUNTRY IN ITS INFANCY

Uncle Joe Believes in Proceed-
ing Cautiously With New
Legislation.

EXPERIMENTAL LEGISLATION

Does Not Think it Advisable to Trans-
fer Burdens From State to Federal
Treasury—Not Necessary to Foster
Centralized Power.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Joseph G. Cannon was tonight nominated by the Republicans for a third term as Speaker. He will be re-elected Monday noon. The caucus was attended by nearly all of the 226 members. Other officers chosen were: Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania, clerk; Frank B. Lyon of New York, doorkeeper; Henry Casson of Massachusetts, sergeant-at-arms, and Samuel W. Langum of Minnesota, postmaster.

All are present incumbents except Langum, who succeeds the former postmaster, who died during the recess. The only business transacted in addition to the election of officers was the rejection of the application of Peter A. Porter of the thirty-fourth New York district for admission to the caucus. Porter was elected as an Independent and had the support of the Democrats in his district. Reviewing the decade of Republican legislation, Cannon remarked: "The people are richer by billions than 10 years ago and the wealth more equably distributed than ever before, a triumph of popular government."

Referring to the financial crisis, he said:

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. The fifty-ninth Congress had prodigious work and the Republicans accomplished more than their predecessors. We cannot secure perfection in legislation within the income without creating new debt in a spirit of justice, not revenge, and we must caution against injustice. The last Congress appropriated nearly a billion but the expenditures were kept within the income without creating new revenue. The Democrats made greater appropriations, which if granted, would have carried us beyond the revenues. This Congress must remember the country is in its infancy and the future development will be more wonderful still. It is not wise to increase the revenues nor necessary to transfer burdens from state to federal treasury, and is not advisable to foster centralized power and responsibility. From the mass of new bills we must select legislation necessary and wise. There is no time for excursions into the realms of experimental legislation. We must hold fast to the principles enunciated by our fathers, that federal government limited in a power but supreme within its jurisdiction, must leave the state's jurisdiction not granted by federal government."

He accepts the third term as Speaker as a duty in organizing the House for effective work.

DEFY MINERS' UNION.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Nov. 30.—The Mine Owners' Association met today and after considering the general conditions passed a resolution which is construed as being a defy to the Miners' Union and a forecast of an open camp when the mines resume. They also declared war upon the smelter trust in its policy toward Nevada.

BURNED IN MINE.

DRYTOWN, Cal., Nov. 30.—Eleven miners, four Americans and seven foreigners, are believed to be dead in the Fremont Gover gold mine. Fire is raging at the eleven hundred-foot level. There is a bare chance that the men may find the drift and be rescued. The employees returning from the noon lunch encountered the fire. The hoisting gear was defective and only two escaped.

MINORITY SPEAKER.

John Sharp Williams Will Lead Demo-
crats in House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—By placing John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, in nomination as speaker, the Democratic members showed today in effect that they had decided to continue him in the position of minority leader in the sixtieth Congress. The nomination of Williams was agreed upon by the Democratic caucus this afternoon. Representative Clayton, of Alabama, presided. Immediately after organization Representative Thomas, of North Carolina, placed Williams in nomination. There was no opposition. Williams was absent from the chamber when the election occurred, but was soon escorted to the floor and spoke at some length, thanking his fellow members for the confidence reposed in him, promising them to serve to the best of his ability. He especially urged them to stand together for the spirit of party principles saying:

"It is important at this time for the Democrats to have 'team work.' We should work together as a football team and, by so doing we may win an important victory in the future."

Hay, of Virginia, introduced a resolution providing for the immediate revision of the tariff, but the caucus adjourned without acting on the resolution.

STREET CAR COLLIDE

Rear End Collision in Portland
Results Fatally.

DENSE FOG CAUSES ACCIDENT

Motorman Will Die and Two Passengers
Are Badly Injured When Mt. Scott
Car Crashes Into Mt. Tabor Car in
East Portland.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—A Railway Light & Power car on the Mt. Scott branch was in a rear-end collision about 10 o'clock tonight with a car on the Mt. Tabor branch on Hawthorne avenue and East Fortieth street. Motorman Mott of the Mt. Scott car will die and John Jarvis and Joseph Reed, passengers, were badly hurt. The collision occurred during the dense fog.

The Mt. Tabor car had stopped at East Fortieth street to let off a passenger and the fog prevented the motorman on the car following from seeing the car ahead of him until within a few feet apart.

TUNNELS COMPLETED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Closely following the opening of the new tunnel under the East River to Brooklyn in January, will come the opening of the railway tunnel under the Hudson to Jersey City. The tunnel was begun in 1874 and the Northern tube was not completed until 1904, several companies having failed to do the work.

Each tube is 15 1/4 feet in diameter and 5700 feet long. Connections have been made with the New York terminus and the public stations at Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street, the site of the new Pennsylvania station.

ALLIANCE DISABLED

Bumped on the Bar at
Coos Bay.

PROPELLER IS GONE

Spoken by Steamer Boverie
Near Cape Gregory Last
Friday.

LOST PASSENGER OVERBOARD

Meagre Details From Victoria Dispatch
Indicate That Boat is in Disabled
Condition—Left Coos Bay for Port-
land on Thursday Last.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—A ♦ Merchants' Exchange dispatch ♦ from Victoria said the steamer ♦ Boverie reports speaking the ♦ Alliance on Friday 25 miles ♦ northwest of Cape Gregory, ♦ partly disabled, having lost three ♦ blades of her propeller. Her cap- ♦ tain asked to be towed to the ♦ Columbia River. She struck on ♦ the bar coming out of Coos Bay. ♦ One passenger was lost over- ♦ board.

The Alliance left Coos Bay for this port Thursday and according to the foregoing dispatch was about half way to the Columbia River when spoken by the Boverie. Captain Olsen is in command of the Alliance.

No further details were obtainable at a late hour this morning, but it is rumored that the Tacoma will leave out this morning on the lookout to render any assistance necessary to the disabled vessel. Local mariners claim the Alliance has but three blades to her propeller and is therefore unable to come ahead under her own steam.

DUCHESS GOES HOME.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The Duchess of Marlborough, who has been spending several weeks in America, chiefly as the guest of her mother, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, is booked to sail for England today on the liner Mauretania. It had been reported that the Duchess expected to remain in America until after Christmas.

ART SUBJECTS SOLD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The sale of a large number of paintings last night closed the sale of the objects of art collected by the late Stanford White. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present but the prices received were very small. The highest price paid was \$725 for a portrait by the sixteenth century artist, Clouet, "Faun et Venus." "A Watteau" gem went for \$550. A landscape by John Lafarge, brought only \$300. The total of last night's sales were \$10,587, making the total of the entire sale \$82,612.

WOULD REPEAL LAW.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—At the first opportunity after convening Congress Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, will introduce a bill repealing the law imposing a duty on paper for printing.

LAUNCH COLLIDES.

AMOY, China, Nov. 30.—A launch from the German cruiser Arcona, collided with a native boat off the Ling Tow jetty here today. One German and two natives were drowned.

NAVY DEFEATS ARMY.

Annual Contest on Grid Goes to the
Sailors.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—The navy today defeated the army in the annual football contest by a score of 6 to 0 before 30,000 people. Though the score looks close, the West Point team never seriously threatened the Annapolis goal. The contest was a surprise to the army, for, with a heavier team, more experience and a better season's record, the cadets could see nothing but victory. The game was marred by much fumbling and other misplays. The forward pass was a failure nearly every time it was tried. Both teams resorted much to punting and end runs. The only score of the game was made in the first half. The midshipmen twice had the ball within striking distance and each time would follow up their advantage but finally, after a punting duel, the army man fumbled and the midshipman shoved the ball over for a touchdown. Lang kicked a goal.

BIDS CLOSED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—About 4000 bids for \$50,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds were received today. The bids closed this afternoon.

SIGN LIQUOR BILLS.

MONTGOMERY Ala., Nov. 30.—Gov- ♦ ernor Comer today signed the bills to ♦ provide enforcement of the prohibition ♦ laws to regulate the sale of narcotics ♦ and prevent drinking of liquors on trains ♦ in the presence of passengers, and urg- ♦ ing Congress, to return to the South, the ♦ cotton-tax money taken from the South ♦ during the war.

MRS. TAFT FAILING.

MILLBURY, Mass., Nov. 30.—Dr. ♦ Church, attending Mrs. Louise M. ♦ Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, ♦ said today that Mrs. Taft was ♦ steadily failing and intimated she ♦ might live a few days longer but the ♦ case was hopeless. She is unconscious ♦ most of the time.

LEADERS IN POLITICS

New Candidates in the Making
in New York.

LETTER CARRIERS RESOLVE

Ten Thousand Dollars Given in Recogni-
tion of Services to J. D. Holland For
Securing the Passage of the Increased
Salary Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—New York rarely gets on the wrong side of the fence politically, at least as far as the Republican party is concerned, and whichever way its delegation votes in the next convention, will be pretty nearly the winning way. At present the position of the Empire State is doubtful. It may send a delegation instructed for Roosevelt, Hughes, Taft, Cortelyou, or even Root, Fairbanks or Cannon. Chances are good it will send an un-instructed delegation, which at the proper time will swing to the logical candidate. New leaders in New York politics are in the making. The old regime is destined to be a matter of history when the convention of 1908 meets. No more dependence can be placed on such old war horses as Platt and Depew, and even Odell is likely to be relegated on account of his health. Parsons in New York City has not secured those triumphs which would entitle him to consideration as a state leader, while Woodruff is not regarded as likely to achieve this position. There are many New Yorkers who think the time has come for more recognition of the Western element, who have borne the brunt of the battle and who have always supported the party in state and national campaigns. Prominent among those mentioned as a delegate-at-large to the

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